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HOW SHALL WE MAKE OUR

SCHOOLS MORE INTERESTING AND APPRECIATIVE? HOME

Training one of the Necessary Requisites to Obtain Satisfactory Results—Parents Should Visit the Schools Also.

This subject is one of vast importance and it is one all parents should give due consideration, but as a general thing they do not. To say exactly how to make our schools more interesting, I don't know if we could start upon a more important factor than the parents. It is from the parents that the children get their appreciation or non-appreciation. If the parents like the teacher and and appreciate him as a teacher, the children as a general thing, will do the same and learn more readily, but to the contrary, if the parents fail to love and appreciate their teachers the child will not do very much, but put the teacher to a great deal of trouble. To make the school more interesting the parents should be more interested in it in every particular. When the school meetings are held every parent should be anxious to be there to here the proceedings and help transact the business if possible. Their should be no business transacted for the colored people without their appearance. The reason why we as teachers, have so much work to do and get such a small pay, is simply on account of the non-appreciation of the school business by the parents. I don't blame the white people the least for not giving us more and better schools, because it is every bodies business to work to their own interest. Our school will never be what it should be until our parents get more interested in the work.

We have 254 pupils enrolled here and only three teachers to teach them, which anybody knows who has had any experience that we can't do successful work with so large a number, but as long as you are less interested in the work it is liable to remain so. The board of directors are only waiting to hear you speak, and I am almost confident that they will come to your rescue. Again parents should believe that all children are subject to criticism and also before the criticism they are given due consideration. The cause of nine-tenths of the petty difficulties of school life is the want of co-operation between the teacher and the parents. Of course teachers should labor earnestly to interest parents in the school work of the children, and whenever their other duties permit, should visit their homes. Many parents may not know the teacher, the child does, and has in his power to mold the parents opinion and to arouse his prejudice, so that in an event of a rupture at school he has an ally at home. Parents would relieve the teachers of much trouble and materially enhance the welfare of their children by an occasional visit to the school and a word of encouragement to the teacher. When a parent has personal knowledge of a teacher he is not likely to be imposed upon by any artful child, and is in a position to correct any unfavorable tendencies in the child's representation of the school. The really troublesome pupils in a grade are very few, but though in the minority, they usually manage to make up in activity what they like in numbers. Those children accustomed to wholesome government in the home, as a rule, readily comply with the requirements of the school. The more troublesome pupils are the ones who has never known restrain at home—the boy who has been praised and petted into belief that he is exceptionally smart, but that his teacher is too obtus to discover the fact. The boy who enters school with the firm conviction that he is made of better stuff than the rest of the class, chaps and demurs when he finds that he posses current for only what he is worth, but this is the lesson he must learn sooner or later, and the sooner the better. The child whose exclusive home training has not developed self-dependence and self-restrain must here learn the all important lesson, that his own merit, his own efforts, must constitute the basis of his success and promotion in life.

On the other hand, it must be remembered that teachers are only mortals; all are inwardly influenced by the varid mental and moral characteristics which play before them day by day; all are subject to prejudice, all are liable to error. It would be remarkable, indeed, if an occasional mistake did not occur, yet let the teacher be credited with honesty of purpose and a sincere desire to do right. Too often the parents looks upon school discipline only from the stand-point of the home and ever reocurring round of domestic duties. Thus arises the majority of school troubles. A familiar legand speaks of two knights that met on the highway where there was an over hanging shield. One claimed that the shield was gold, and the other said that it was silver. The dispute became warm and ended in a fight. They fought a long time, but being equally matched, neither prevailed. When at length both had fallen to the ground exhausted, a third knight appeared on the scene, and they appealed to him to decide who was right. After an examination he found one side of the shield gold, the other silver. Often must the principal or superintendent act the part of the third knight, only to discover that in this or that difficulty both parent and teacher were partly right. The teachers should if possible, visit the home and the parents the school, thus will the best interest of the child be conserved. When parent and teacher come together in earnest consultation for the good of the child and not to justify or condemn, amicable adjustment of difficulties and complete reconciliation of differences may be generally reached. Hence to make the schools more interesting we all have a duty to perform.

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IN EVENT OF WAR BETWEEN

THE UNITED STATES AND EITHER ENGLAND OR SPAIN,

What Would the Negro do? A Momentous Question Presents Itself—Shall we Continue to Kiss the Hand that Smites us?

The interogatory captioning this article appeals for thoughtful consideration, not alone from every member of my race, but from every white American in legislation, judicial and executive authority in either national, state or municipal offices, and especially does it appeal strongly to those who make and execute the laws for the general government. It certainly must occur to the white people of this country, and the whole people of the world that the Negro would by taking arms in defense of this government prove themselves more than exceptionally magnanimous, and this in face of the damnable fact that they as a race have never received as American citizens the full and impartial protection of the law in the enjoyment of all their civil and political rights. It is a matter of history and universal comment that the Negroes of America are exceptionally magnanimous, in that they have continued patriotic and steadfast in their allegiance to the government of the United States, though treated as aliens, yea, worse than aliens. They are not alone deprived of the free and unrestricted use of the ballot, in nearly half the states in the Union, but they are the victims of a mob aristocracy, being ku-ku-luxed lynched, shot to death, flayed alive and burned in public assemblage at the stake upon trumped-up charges without trial or jury, excepting the maliciously venomous and prejudiced verdict of an insanely furious band of red-handed, cut-throat outlaws who defy heaven, awe hell, shame civilization, disgrace America, startle the world, and turn back the hand of progress on the dial of the century—a band of blood-sucking villians whose unchecked hellishness is fast eating like a canker the very vitals of the nation as its octapus-like influence is seen to be spreading from its hell-born abode. All of this inky-black daredevelism is perpetrated against an unfortunate, financially helpless and inoffensive people, while neither the state or general governments make an earnest protest against it. Neither will they heed our suppliant appeals or our manly protest against infamies, begging more immediate consideration by the American government than Armenian atrocities, pelagic sealing, Russian Nihilism, Hawaiian protectorate, Cuban belligerency or Venezuelaian boundary disputes with England. Hence the interrogatory, "What would the Negroes do in the event of war between England and the United States?"

White men in America may rejoice at jingo policy which twists the tail of the British lion, but only a nation of fools will be indifferent to what must be patent to all who have a vestige of reason—to-wit: Canada an English province and by no means a feeble dependency, but a powerful government well garrisoned with all modern implements of war and a full compliment of well disciplined and hardy soldiers who love and will fight for their mother country is on this continent, and at the north of us, Mexico, which has nothing in common with us and an ally of Spain, and Haiti and others are at the south of us, each owing no debt of gratitude to the United States government.

There are American Negroes, willing and intelligent who know and will do their duty in an hour of opportunity, while English statesmen and military strategist are not asleep to the fact that an interior uprising or internal disturbance in the United States would engage the attention of our national guard while our despicable navy manned by foreign seamen could not prevent the destructive bombardment of our defenseless coast. Thus Canada would capture our lake and frontier ports, the English would land—a scrimmage—a screech, and a croak from the American Eagle—American bluster—boasted civilization and inhuman barbarities would be a thing of the past, while Uncle Johnny Bull would annex the whole cabboodle to Canada, the nonpariel. Then and not until then will the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God as pertains to the black races and recognized by all the world but America be universal. Awaiting this much desired boon, let the heathen rage, let the eagle screech, bring on the watch dogs of war, and while the mischief brews, what I ask, what will the Negroes do in event of war between this government and any other government? We certainly will not continue kissing the hand that smites—surely we will not continue till dangling bodies, till our protruding shirt tails—yea, until our annihilation proclaim our loyalty? No, not I.

CÆSAR A. A. TAYLOR,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Holiday Doings—Personals.

Poplar Bluff, Mo. Special.

Borned to Mr. and Mrs. Green Spencer, a fine girl on the 22nd inst. Manco Whitesides returned home after an extended absence. Mrs. Bell Brown, one of the Mosiac sisters, died on the 23rd inst. The funeral was attended on the 24th by Elder Jas. H. Randall at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church, the procession formed at 3:20 o'clock p. m. The Union Club's concert was reproduced on Monday night, Dec. 24, and was largely attended. It was a great success. There was two Christmas trees on Christmas Eve. night. One at Pleasant Hill Baptist church, the other at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church, both trees were handsome and well laden. A program was rendered at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church by members of the R. L. S. Christmas day was brim-full of merriment and good things. Prayer meeting was held at both churches at 6 o'clock A. M. A grand Xmas entertainment was given by the G. U. O. of O. F. at Odd Fellows hall, cor. Sixth and Mingle streets, continuing both day and night. Several guests from St Louis, Neelyville and other points were in the city. The Bluff City band begin serenading at 4:15 o'clock p. m. and continued to fill the air with beautiful melodies until 8:30 p. m. The Sunday School Institute Convened at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church on Thursday evening, Dec. 26th. Many interesting topics were discussed. Chas. Wright left this city on the 27th for New Port, Ark. Mrs. Hattie Hall left the city for Jackson, Mo. and Mrs. Ida Simmons left for Leeper on the 25th inst. Miss Ollie Carter returned to the city recently. Peter Martin returned from St. Louis on the 24th inst. The K. of P's and Court of Calanthe gave a grand entertainment last Saturday night, music was furnished by the Bluff City Cornet Band.

Merry Christmas Entertainments.

Memphis, Tenn. Special.

Mrs. Fannie Dukes formaly of this city but now of King Fisher, Oaklahoma, returned on the 20th and is visiting her daughter Mrs. Florance Dukes of Walnut st. Christmas day was duly observed at all the churches here, commencing whth 4 o'clock services and a Christmas tree at night for the little folks. Mr. and Mrs. John B. Robinson, Clarksdale, Ark., are visiting Mrs. W. M. Wiley, of 97 Hadden Ave.

Little Hattie Clay and Maud Walton, have been quite sick. Prof. C. A. Thompson spent Christmas with friends at Oceola, Ark. Mrs. W. W. Wiley is up again after a week's illness. Mrs. Eliza Williams of Walnut st. has been quite sick. The Masons of this city celebrated the 27th of Dec. at their hall cor. 2nd and Madison sts., under the auspices of Eureka, Mt. Nebo, Heram, St. Alban, Mt. Mariah and Union lodges. The lodge was open by Bro. E. Rice, the lodge being open the meeting took the form of an old time camp meeting commencing. Bro. B. F. Gwyn, Grand J. W. for the state, Bros. S. C. Rives, Thomas E. Williams, Grand Treas. and others made short speeches, from that time until a very late hour singing and shaking of hands were the order, some of the older Masons say that they never enjoyed themselves better in their lives. Resolutions were passed that the meeting be called every month. Grand Master Bery Jeffies returned from Nashville on the 29th where he has been in attendance as director of the Masonic benefit association. Prospect Lodge A. F. A. Mrs. located at Prospect, celebrated the 27th by turning out and having a sermon preached by Rev. J. M. Vorner, and gave a dinner to all who desired to join them. All parties wishing Lincoln's Proclamation or the Freeman should call on A. Webb, 531 Walnut st. Rev. Lee Mitchell returned from Clarksville, Tenn., to spend the holidays with his family. Prof. Curry Stewart returned on last Saturday from Brunswick where he has been circulating among friends. Mr. James Hayes came over from Little Rock with his sister Mrs. A. Hayes and Miss Susie Comelly. Mr. Ed. Duncan of Denver, is here visiting his sister Mrs. Cal Williamson of Ross Ave. Mr. Alexander Doolittle and Miss Cora Rankin were married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bell, 372 Beale st., Dec. 25th.

Interesting Events.

Normal, Ala. Special.

Mrs. Francis E. Harper of Philadelphia, who has been with us gave us several lectures, and read a good number of her poems. She also lectured in Huntsville on the 23rd at the M. E. church. She sold a good number of her books.

We are expecting a grand time on the 1st of January, 1896. Mrs. Early of Nashville, Tenn., will speak to us at 7:30 p. m. on that day. The Peabody Literary Society has elected its officers for the next three months; for President, Prof. G. W. Scott, of Pratts City; Vice-Pres., C. A. Kent, of Marion; Treas., Miss Jessie Truss, of Woodlawn; Sec., Miss M. L. Rice, of Decatur: Assistant Sec., Miss J. E. Walker, of Columbia, Tenn.; Librarian, Miss Sabra, Chapman, of Flint, Ala.; Chaplain, G. W. Trenholm, Calera; Sergant-at-Arms, A. J. Williams, of Sedalia, Mo.; Critic, Prof. B. F. Darrell, of Winchester, Tenn. Students are continually coming in; Miss Augusta Brooks, of Birmingham, has enrolled her name on the middle normal roll book. Miss Brooks found many friends at normal and she seems to be very well pleased. Prof. T. J. Garth our farm manager, and Miss Spurlock another one of our teachers are spending a few days in Atlanta, they will take in the fair. The students from Montgomery are much pleased with normal, they show their love by trying to get others to come.

Several girls from Mobile are making a good record at normal. Miss Hattie Pledger of Atlanta, Ga., left on the 26th inst. to spend a few days at her home. T. A. Frison, a member of class of '95, was with us on the 24th and 25th, Mr. Frison has a position in the Columbia City school at columbia, Tenn. Miss Mary E. Garth of Decatur, Ala. is spending a few days with us. Miss Garth is a graduate of the class of '94, she also has a position in the Decatur City schools.

Social Happenings.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Henry Banks and Miss Anna Davis of Nashville are in the city. Mrs. B. A. J. Nixon likes Shelbyville. Misses Irene McKinney, Mary Ella Simms spent Christmas at the city of Rocks. Miss E. J. Little is on the sick list. The fair at the Mt. Zion Baptist church Christmas week was quite a success. The Christmas trees at all the churches were loaded with presents. Sam Coffee of Nashville is at home sick. Miss L. Anderson was called to her home in Ohio on the death of her father. Rev. J. A. Jones spent a few days very pleasantly with us. Dr. V. D. Turner and W. H. Gosling spoke at the grand opening of the Fayetville High school, Rev. J. A. Jones president. There was not standing room in the court house. Prof. R. P. Purdy and your scribe were invited to many weddings and dinners during the holidays. Ed Barnes and wife of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting the latter's mother and father here. Jobe McChristian of Louisville, Ky., spent the holiday week with Mrs. McChristian. Mrs. John Thompson is in Atlanta. Rev. B. A. J. Nixon, presiding elder, came in on the 24th ult., well pleased with his quarter. G. W. Dorsey's candy factory has been kept very busy for several days. Mrs. Pleasant Shear died last week.

A New Paper—Applicant for Clerk.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

"The Star," a race paper, made its first appearance on the 21st. J. W. Christian, chairman of the Democratic League and G. W. Tanner are the promoters. From some unknown cause the sheet failed to appear on the 28th. The entertainment at the A. M. E. church on the 25th drew a large audience. Mrs. Keys of St. Louis is in the city visiting friends. Miss Mary Light is in Memphis for a short stay. Evangelists T. T. Smith was here last week. Mrs. James Owens departed this life on the 25th. Deceased was a member of Household of Ruth No. 48, G. U. O. of O. F. The remains were carried to Metropolis, Ill., her former home for burial. Attorney Ben E. Smith of Bowling Green is an applicant for clerk of the penitentiary at Eddyville. He graduated from Howard University, Washington, D. C. He has a large number of indorsers, both white and black, irrespective of party. In a few days he will file his application with the Sinking Fund Commissioners. Sam Mar in, well-known by everybody, was found dead the 29th. Call on Minor Bradshaw, 419 Jackson street and subscribe for The Freeman—only $1.00 a year—this offer last until Jan. 31st.

PLANS TO BUILD A CHURCH

IN AFRICA TO BE CONSIDERED—MEN OF BROAD EXPERIENCE

In Demand—The Desire to Favor Personal Friends Should be Discountenanced—African Methodism Developing.

As a people, we have more power than will, and it is only in excuse for indolence or timidity that we so frequently fancy things are impossible. There are scores of individuals who have actually accomplished many things which hundreds of others have always declared impossible. When we have sufficient will we will almost always find sufficient means to achieve any good.

The vast extent of territory covered by our church, the number and quality of our educational institutions, the strength of our leading societies and value and prosperity of our great churches, together with the Bishops and and other strong men which African Methodism has developed, should inspire us with constant courage.

Bishop Turner's idea of building up a great church in Africa, has nothing absurd about it. The only difficulty lies in our lack of will to do it. Bishop Gaines is perfectly reasonable in his insistent demand that our various business enterprises be conducted on a business basis. The only hindrance to the attainment of this end is our lack of the revolution needed to disturb the established order of things, and reconstruct our plans.

Bishop Grant's fervent endeavors to make our churches powerful agencies in transforming the life and character of the people, is thoroughly consistent and would be realized were we all of the will to do it. Bishop Arnett's farsighted efforts to bring African Methodism in close contact with the great movements and organizations of the world, and to render our church a recognized social and religious force, is very plausible and would be accomplished if we had the will. In short, our leaders are full of great plans and are always placing before us high ideas, and it must be admitted that whatever we fail of attaining is due to our lack of will and wit, to our lack of power

There are those who so greatly underestimate the capabilities of our people and of our church as to become unfit for leadership. A man ceases to be a leader when he ceases to possess the confidence and courage to plan for and undertake great things. Small men, men who are too timid to be great in thought, hope, courage and effort, should never be put to the front. For in African Methodism the day of small things has past. We now stand at the very head of the race, and more than all others are called upon to face and deal with the great and mighty questions of the day. Only men of broad experience, wide acquaintance, men who have been trained to meet difficulties and conquor them, are fitted to take command at this critical stage of our progress. Any man who will make excuses for our present lame condition, who will invent arguments to coax contentment, who will cove the desire of progress with soft talk, any such man is dangerous. His leadership would be dire calamity. The sovereign ability consists in knowing the value of opportunities. We will soon either enter upon a new era of great prosperity or fall into that moderation of hope which leads to decline. Brethren, beware of the host of small men with soft speech, who are hovering about every office. We have a few really big men. Men of age, experience, record, they are the men we know. Why should we risk untried men?

Let us lay aside the small desire to favor personal friends or win mere local honor and placing the good of the church above everything else, let us pick out our best men; let them be men who have stood the test of trial. We have now the humiliating spectacle of a man in high place who has shifted his course six times during three years. This course of giving responsibility into the hands of men who are not stable. A man who cannot be true to his friends cannot be true to his church. A man who cannot be true to his conscience cannot be true to his God. Let us have weather-beaten, battle scared men who have come out of stern conflict as heroes.

JOHN M. HENDERSON, M. D.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Knights of Pythias Installed.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.

King Solomon's Lodge No. 2, K. of P. met at their castle hall No. 1227 Locust street, on Wednesday evening December 10th. There was a large number of members and visitors present. Among the noted were Chancellor Commander, Sir G.H.Truitt; Master of Finance, Sir R. R. Johnson and Inner Guard Sir J. R. Boast of Penna. Lodge, after confering the rank of page on one candidate, the following officers were installed:

Past chancellor, J. Taylor; chancellor commander, W. Moore; vice chancellor, R. Robinson; prelate, M. Wheeler; master of exchequer, Sir. J. Solomons; keeper of records and seals, Sir J. H. Moody; master of finance, L. Keys; master at arms, G. F. Riley: inner guard, L. A. Conney; outer guard, A. M. Ross; grand lodge representatives, J. Taylor, E. Francis, L. Keys, trustees Sir J. Solomon, S. Powell and J. Brown. Owing to the absence of the grand chancellor and his deputies the officers were installed by the grand keeper of records and seals Sir Joseph Solomon.

Penna. Lodge installed at the regular stated meeting of Penna. lodge No. 1, K. of P. met at their Castle Hall No. 409 South Eleventh street, on Friday evening December 12th The following officers were installed by the grand vice chancellor: Sir W. J. Jones. past chancellor; Sir G. H. Truitt, chancellor commander, Sir J. E. Murray; vice chancellor, J. H. Hill; prelate, L. Croper; master of exchequer, Sir D. J. Lisby; keeper of records and seals, Sir R. R. Johnson; master of finance, J. Berkly; master at arms, Sir J. R. Boast; inner guard, W. A. Simons; outer guard, J. H. Dickerson; grand lodge representatives, Sir D. J. Lesby, J. H. Hill, Sir W. A. Bundy; trustees Sir W. G. Jones, Sir C. H. Riley and Sir Garris.

The grand lodge, Knights of Pythias of Eastern Penna. jurisdiction of N. and S. A., E. A. and A. met at their castle hall, No. 1227 Locust street, on Friday December 20th in their annual session. It was largely attended. Considerable interest was shown in the election of officers which resulted as follows: Grand past chancellor, Sir J. D. Kelly; grand chancellor commander, Sir H. M. Kelly; grand vice chancellor, W. H. Green; grand prelate, R Brown; grand master of exchequer, Sir P. H. Edwards; grand keeper of records and seals, Sir R. R. Johnson; grand master of finance, Sir W. H. Blockson; grand master at arms, Sir W. H. Croston; grand inner guard, E. J. Hagerman; grand outer guard J. H. Hill; grand lecturer, Sir D. J. Lisby. After adjournment the lodges were invited to the reception where refreshments were served.

The Press the Power.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Being a reader of your well illustrated paper, and having not yet seen an article composed by a lad and published, I venture to make a start, and I think of nothing among the many noble things of the race to write on more useful than the "Press," something that is placing the progress of the Negro race before the civilized world, furnishing a key to the great Negro Problem and helping to promote the welfare of the race. Being very poor and without financial aid, I have only read a few of the many colored journals that exist, but carefully reading the reliable Freeman, I find it teaching weekly some of the most important things that the race need, among them is race pride or union, Were we all to write under one banner, support one party, protect and uphold our female sex against other races, all nations of the world would recognize and honor us, and soon the machinist and all classes of laboring men, merchants, bankers and the Halls of Congress would be dotted with colored men. Away with migration societies! The Negro need not emigrate to secure public offices, to possess influence as a lawyer, etc., to organize a National Afro-American Press Association to establish and run successful journals, nor many of the other things that the race needs.

Why leave the pick with the immense chunk of gold on the end of it after we have labored and loosened the surface, and we need only to pull? We need only support and patronize our journals and see what other noble Negroes are doing, follow them and united we will be without an effort. Read some of the many colored journals that now exist, if they are weak make them strong, if they are strong make them stronger. We have too many, "I don't fool with nigger papers, they are no good." I take them and try to make them good, why take a white paper and refuse a colored paper because it is not equally as good? The white man has made their papers what they are, and we must make ours what they are to be. (We as a race must make ourselves what we are to be, and our newspapers what they are to be.) Help them all to be as The Freeman, publish without prejudice, regardless to color, party or condition. I appeal to every Negro who has a soul, let us trust one another, and we, a proud race, will go to the front, and like other great recognized races we can say, we have fought the battle, won the victory and the crown is ours.

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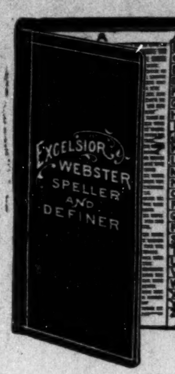

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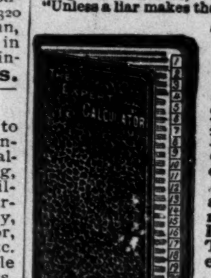

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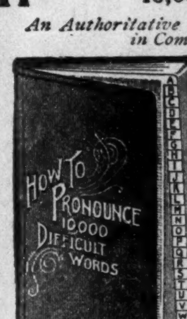

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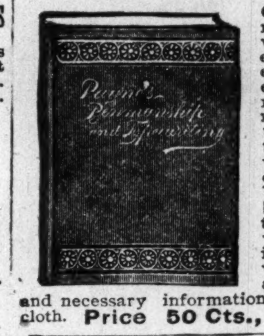

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CHAPTER XVIII.

CLARK'S SELF-CONCEIT.

"Of all the causes which conspire to blind
Man's erring judgement, and mislead the mind
What the weak head with strongest bias rules
Is pride—that never failing vice of fools."
Pope.

CLARK spent the months of June, July and August at the house of his friend and then returned to the Howard House filled with self-conceit. He could write words of one and two syllables and read fairly well in the first half of the primer. He wrote a letter to his friend and as it was enclosed in one ot Hardy's envelopes it found its way to B——, Conn., instead of the Dead Letter office at Washington. Hardy tried to read it but was forced to give up the attempt, so he simply and truthfully wrote back on a postal card:

"Dear Joe, your letter is before me; hope this may find you O. K.; will be down to the Howard House Monday.
A. M. H."

For a few weeks after his return to work at O'Toole's, Clark wrote his name upon newspapers, cards, in books, and to give him due credit he had mastered the art of writing his name so well that his bold signature was a credit to both his teacher and himself. He received a letter from home which he read with the aid of young O Toole. He resolved to answer the letter himself. After spending all his idle time during two days reviewing his writing lessons, he was able in three nights to complete a short letter to his mother. The letter was received and contents translated into pure United States language by an expert. When Clark received an answer to his letter he swelled up with self-conceit and concluded that he had "education" enough.

"I know enough in books and them things now; there's no need of me wasting time looking over them old lessons; all I will need will be to drop in for a week or so at Andy's next summer on my way home and get one or two fake letters writ for me to copy off to send back here before Martha, so she'll see I can write. If I'd er knew it was so easy to get an education, I'd done it years ago," remarked Clark to himself. He threw his book aside then came the reaction. His "education" was like pouring water into a sieve. When the inpouring ended all his boasted education passed out of his head, and memory refused to recall it. In two months after his return to the Howard House all of his "education," with the exception of the knowledge of how to write his name had left him. He learned through his self conceit upon the Friday evening after Thanksgiving while at the Virginia League Club House that his "education" had flown. He was opening wine tor several friends, among whom was Banks. After Clark was a little flushed with wine he remarked: "Well boys, we'll have another quart of Mum's and then I must go, because I've got to write a letter to my girl. Let me tell you about her; Banks tried to make time with her, but he wasn't 1, 2, 3, in the race; he was left at the post, when I struck Virginia. Why every body took their hats off to me down there. Banks got mad and would not introduce me to her, but I got there just the same, and now, beings me and her is engaged to be married, I ain't got no hard feelings against Banks for—"

"You and who are engaged to be married?" asked Banks with a look of mingled anger and surprise.

"Me-and-Miss-Martha-Jane-Wright, the school teacher of Beaconsville, and Mr. J. J. Clark is going to be married one of these fine days—that's right."

"You are not engaged to her; why she would not have an uneducated man, and I bet a quart bottle of wine for the present company that you can't write five lines from the first reader, Clark" remarked Banks.

"I'll take that bet—put up your money."

Eight dollars were placed in the hands of one of the company and pen, ink and paper produced.

"Now write 'a dog cannot climb an apple tree,'" remarked Banks. Clark took the pen and after much labor wrote "ad og Kan Nut C Lien epel Tre."

"Now gents," remarked Banks, just read that and say if you believe this man's story about being engaged to an educated school teacher; in the mean time decide who buys the wine."

"I think Clark's giving us a ghost story; as he can't write the sentence of course he buys the wine," said the referee. Clark was angry and remarked: "Now, I'll bet you $25.00, Banks, (if you can borrow that much) that I am engaged to Miss Wright; that I have got four or five letters in my pocket from her writ by her and that I've got in my pocket one to her writ by me." He threw $25 00 on the table as he spoke.

"I'll go you," said Banks as he covered the money.

"Now, my lying friend, produce the letters."

"There they are," remarked Clark as he threw down several letters from Miss Wright and one proxy letter written by Hardy and mailed with directed envelope to him to forward from the Howard House. The company read the letters and then passed them to Banks, who was forced to admit that they were from Miss Wright, but declared that Clark never wrote the reply. He lost the bet and Clark placed the money in his pocket, remarking:

"So you tried to throw a bluff; now you got beat at your own game; I just writ that other wrong to draw you out, old nigger, as I can write as good as you—in fact I can beat you at any game from push-pin to man slaughter. Say, old coon, I know you'r sore because I cut you out, but as I told you down home, Miss Wright was not in your class. Why you was not 1, 2, 10 in the race for her, and I hear that her Uncle Bill driv you away from the house after he filled you full of buck shot."

"You are a d—— lier," remarked Banks.

"I would not say that to you, but I tell you what I will say—that if you were a man instead of a monkey I would wipe the floor up with you, but as it is I will not strike you, I'll simply slap your face like I do any other child," said Clark as he dealt Banks a stinging slap with his open hand that sent him down in the corner of the room in a heap. Springing to his feet Banks uttered unreprintable language and grabbing a chair started towards Clark. Friends held both men apart.

"Let him come, boys, let him come; I bet I'll fix him next time, although it would be murder for me to hit him with my right, I'll give him a little tap with my left," said Clark as the house steward came up and demanded peace in the fair name of the Virginia League. Banks left the club house, remarking to himself:

"I don't want to take that cur to court because I don't want to get my name in the papers, and I can't whip him as he is twice as large as me, but, he reflected, I have it; I'll have revenge—I'll write to my royal and honorable high tone Miss Wright and inform her that she is engaged (for so it seems from the letters) to an ignorant ass who not only gets some one else to write his love letters, but carries her letters about in his pocket and shows them to every Tom, Dick and Harry. Yes, by doing that I'll get double revenge. I'll get square with both of them."

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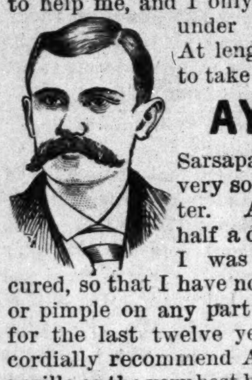

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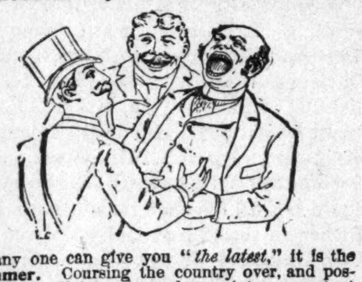

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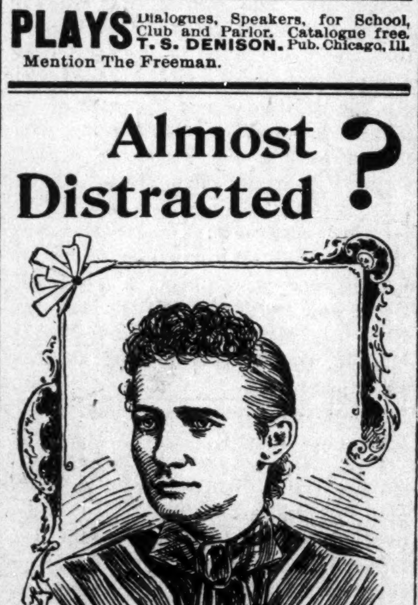

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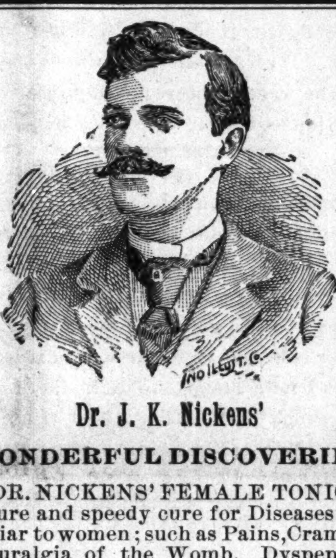

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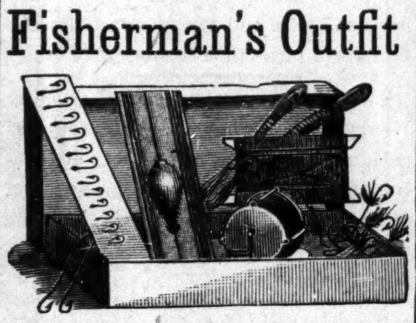

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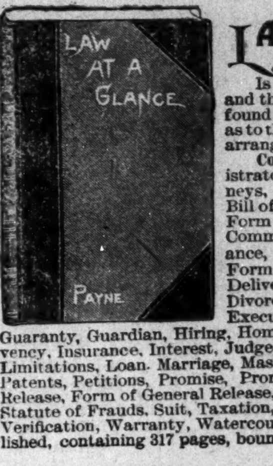

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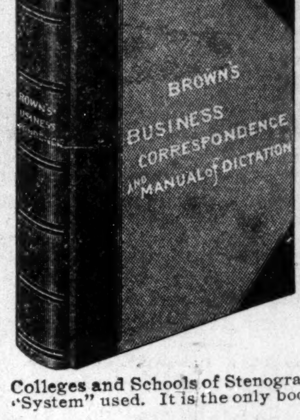

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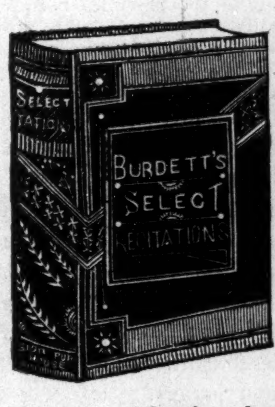

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ENGLISH ANTI-LYNCHING MOVEMENT.

The people of America have but meager knowledge of the wide-spread movement against lynching now prevalent in England. More is being done in that grand country than in the whole world besides. Before us is a pamphlet from this country, headed "Anti-Lynching Committee." The following is a statement of its object.

"The objects of this committee are to obtain reliable information on the subject of lynching and mob outrages in America, to make the facts known and to give expression to public opinion in condemnation of such outrages in whatever way may best be seem calculated to assist the cause of humanity and civilization.

The Negro's friend real is here apparent. It has done, morally, all it could possibly do. Says the pamphlet:

"The Committee have met eleven times, and letters of inquiry or of protest have been addressed, as cases of lynching occurred to the governors of Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolinia and Ohio, while resolutions and appeals have frequently been passed and published."

The States of this country that have done so much may be counted as the fingers of one hand. It says:

"Upwards of two thousands newspapers containing Anti-Lynching articles, letters or resolutions have been sent at intervals to governors, editors and others and correspondence has been kept up with between sixty and seventy colored editors."

And all for love, pure love. America should blush crimson. What has she done? The very citadal of the evil! It says further:

"The results have been decidedly encouraging. While some may resent the interference of British citizens, innumerable expressions of thanks have been received from American men and women, both white and colored, who assure the Committe that but for the mission of Mrs. Ida. B. Wells-Barnett, and the subsequent formation of this Committee, the extent and nature of lynching horrors would never have been fully exposed."

Yet, they tell us that Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett is a failure. But who tells us? Some Negro hating species of Negroes. Mrs. Barnett is all right. Her heart is in the right place. The press of semi-civilized India and Africa speaks out against the evil. Australia joins the movement, in short the practice has no home saving one country alone. It has this to say:

"With the object of still further appealing to the better feelings and the love of order of American friends, it is the intention of the Committee to hold a Conference of lynching, in London, in May."

To which we cordially invite the cut-throats, thugs and plug-uglies of our native heath. We trust they may attend and hold themselves susceptible to some-self evident truths likely to be adduced. We give below a list of names making up the General Committee, which is composed of Lords, ladies, ministers, members of parliament and prominent dignitaries of the realm. We subjoin a partial list of the general committee:

The Right Hon. The Duke of Argyll, K. G., K. T.; Mr. W. Allan, M. P., Gateshead-on-Tyne; Thomas Burt, M. P., Morpeth; the Right Hon. Jacob Bright, Manchester; the Bev. Dr. John Clifford, London; Sir Charles Cameron, Bart, Glasgow; Francis A. Channing, M. P., Northampton; Monchure D. Conway, U. S. A, and London; Mrs. Conway; Mrs. J. Passmore Edwadards, London; Dr. M. Farquharson, M. P., W Aberdeenshire; The Rt. Hon. Sir J. Eldon Gorst, M P., Camb. University; Justin McCarthy, M. P., Longford, N; Dadabhai Naoroji, India and London; The Rev. Dr Newman Hall, London; Dr. W. Blake Odgers, Q. C., London; Lady Stevenson, London; Dr. Spence Watson, Gateshead-on-Tyne; Mrs. Spence Watson; Sir Joseph Pease, Bart, M. P, Durham; Sir Hugh Gilzen-Reid, Birmingham; Sir Edward Russell, Liverpool; Mr Sapara, Africa; Professor James Sturat M. P., London; The Rev. Philip Wicksteed, London; T P Whittaker, M. P., W. R., Yorkshire; J. Carvell Williams, M. P.; H. J. Wilson, Caleb Wright, M. P., S. W. Lancashire.

SCHOOL HISTORY.

The School History of the Negro Race is the title of an interesting volume of 200 pages, written by Edward A. Johnson, L.L. B., of Raleigh, N. C. The book is intended to supply information of the race's notable personages and events that other histories fail to convey.

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IN THE INTEREST OF WALLER.

CALHOUN, KY., Dec., 24, '93.

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FORT DEFIANCE, ARIZ., Dec., '95.

MR G. L. KNOX:

SIR:—Inclosed please find two dollars; fifty cents to the Waller Fund and $1 50 as my renewal for one year to THE FREEMAN and oblidge.

MRS. BETTIE WOODEN.

THE State Normal and Industrial School of Normal, Ala., of which W. H. Councill is president, has issued a circular letter, calling attention to the financial needs of this school. The letters bear indorsements from eminent men, such as Hon. Frederick Douglass, Bishop D. A. Payne, Bishop Turner, Mr. Wm. Still, Hon. John. M. Langston and others. This school hopes there will be encouragement shown it at once. It may be added that these eminent educators should be encouraged. They have not the Rockfeller millions to back them up, nor the thousands that regularly befall these other institutions. The appeal to the people is altogether worthy.

THE Christmas number of THE INDIANAPOLIS FREEMAN is a "Jo Dandy." It has twenty pages and is "chock-full to the brim." The readers of this race journal must certainly have enjoyed this rare treat in Negro journalism. May the race bear up the publishers of this paper till they reach the mark of perfection in every sense.—Parsons Weekly Blade.

There, there, our accounts are square. We start in with the New Year with all feeling of animosity dissipated. Keep firing away at the hydra-headed monster of race prejudice as has been your custom, and in company with other true race journals we will shoot it to death.

WE are continually in receipt of communications calling our attention to articles that having first appeared in THE FREEMAN appear subsequently in other publications without giving credit for the same. The articles are not copytrighted, but journalistic courtesy demands that some recognition of the source be shown. THE FREEMAN endeavors to give credit to any article caught from other sources, if it fails it is simply a head failure, not one of the heart.

THE Southern Inter-State Emancipation celebration, at Memphis, Tenn., Wednesday, January 1st, seems to have been the most pretensious affair of the kind held in recent years. The souvenir program was a remarkable production, containing excellent cuts and short biographical sketches of Hon. John M. Langston, Hon. James Hill, Dr. Robert Boyd, Hon. Isaiah Montgomery, Hon. George Murray, Prof J. N. Ruffin and Judge M. W. Gibbs.

THE career of Grant S. Neal as a general solicitor for THE FREEMAN is simply phenomenal. His latest work in Cameron, Texas, was such that no one should be ashamed of. His subscription list from that place includes doctors, lawyers, merchants, bankers, legislators, county clerks, etc., Jews, Germans, French-Americans and Afro-Americans. We predict Mr. Neal a great future.

WE are proud to say that THE FREEMAN Waller Fund is growing. Like all good movements it moves slowly but surely We have a number of additional names to add to the list. It is hoped that this will be a popular subscription. The amounts so far have been no less than one dollar. Ten cents, yea, one cent will be thankfully received and cheerfully credited. Subscribe; take some of your race pride out in this direction.

PERHAPS some of our readers and exchanges may have to look twice in order to convince themselves that this is The Star; but it is hardly necessary to apologize for its altered appearance. Just a "new dress" and "headgear"—that's all.—The Star of Zion.

The Star is all right. THE FREEMAN extends it a good right hand of fellowship. Its fearlessness in the advocacy of the race's interests impresses the fact home, that it knows its mission.

A DIATRIBE against the only T. Thomas Fortune is being hurled by the Columbus Chronicle for his hasty condemnation of Atlanta, Ga. Well, it was a case of letter or no letter, and since so much good had been said the other side had to be aired and it took your Uncle Thomas to do it, i. e. when he shook the Atlanta dust from his feet. Moral; Eentertaining angels unaware etc.

THE growing interest in the charity movement in this city is very commendable. It is humiliating enough to confess the energy displayed in attaining lofty ends, while the humble deservers of charity are unnoticed. It is a good sign, this awakening. It is the little things that make the sum total of a race's character and worth.

MR. AND MRS. G. L. KNOX are the recipients of a highly polished ox bill tortoise shell, sent by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, of Nassau, N. P. Bahamas. It was sent as a Christmas present. Mr. and Mrs. Knox holds the donors in cheerful remembrance.

THE single tax theory, fathered by Henry George, shows signs of revivification. Tracts and pamphlets are being sent far and near on the subject. Miss Francis E. Willard is a desciple of the school, and doing good service in the cause.

THE Daily Crusader, of the 24ult, gives a detailed account of a young Negro girl, nine-year-old, who was raped by a white man. It took place in Meridian, Miss., and everything is serene.

W. E. STONE, of Fordyce Station, Ark., moves that every minister in the United States preach against mob law violence the first Sunday in March '96. He hopes a second. Will he get it

THE Baptist Vanguard's Christmas number is noteworthy. It is among the few that made an unusual effort.

A Serious Affray.

Mineola, Tex., Special.

Christmas with the attendant train of Christmas trees, socials, dinners and its visit of distant friends has come and gone. Rev. J. H. Frierson preached a very able sermon at the A. M. E. church on Christmas day. Mrs. Andrews and her beautiful daughters, Gertrude and Melvina are visiting relatives in this city. While Mr. Bob Jones was away from home last Monday evening some white men came to his well and began a quarrel with his daughter Ida. Walter Jones who had been out hunting came up at the time and undertook to defend his sister when the white men managing to get the gun from him proceeded to beat him most unmercifully with sticks. The sister was dealt a severe blow on the head. All of this attracted the attention of the hired man who was at the house a short distance away. He immediately ran to assist Jones and his sister but was shot by one of the white men, the charge taking effect in the thigh and breaking the bone about four inches below the hip. Two of the men have been arrested and confined and we are all very anxious to know what disposition will be made of them. Not a white man could be found who would go on their bonds and they were committed to jail to await trial.

Social Notes—Personals.

Claredon, Ark., Special.

The Young people took prosession of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders residence Christmas night and had quite a nice time. Miss H. C. Roberts left the 25th for Mariana to spend the Christmas, was accompanied by her friend, Mr. Albert Burrel as far as Brinkly. Thursday night the 27th Miss Georgia Wright entertained several of her friends at the residence of Mrs. Bell Smith. Miss Bridges, a relative of Mr. S O. Mullins is in the city for three or four weeks from Jackson, Miss. Miss Maggie Sanders spent Christmas in Brinkley. Rev. A. C. Johnson spent Christmas in Pine Bluff and Little Rock. Miss Franklin of Marianna, is in the city to stay. The young people are delighted to have her as she adds one more to their circle. Miss Johnie Mosby passed through the city last week enroute to her home near Holly Grove. Mat Grisby is quite sick at this writing. New Years tree at Berry's Chapel was one of much credit. Mr. Sneed returned the 27th form his visit to Mississippi. J.E. Hamilton was in Memphis, Tenn, and Holly Springs, Miss., spending Christmas. W. A. Austin was on the sick list last week. Mr. Robert Thomas spent Christmas in Little Rock visiting his sister and friend, Miss Ola Conley. Owing to the illness of E. F. Berry he could not fill his engagement with Miss Butler on the 12th at Holly Grove. H. C. Ellison and James Kamp returned the 1st from their old home in Georgia. Mrs. Anderson of Southland, was the Christmas guest of Mr. and Mrs C. C. Smith. Miss Littie and Allen Kenchen of Brinkley, was the guest of Miss Teana Brown and Miss Sanders. T. L. Sanders is on the sick list. Mr. York Washington's sister and husband of Little Rock was in the city last week. Don't forget The Freeman the New Years issue.

Royally Entertained—Society.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. James Roseman has returned from quite a lengthy visit in Bedford City, Va. John Dunaway is home again from Indianapolis. Among those that visited the Exposition last week were Prof. J. A. Henry, W. J. Hale, Misses Mattie Jackson and Day. Dr. R. W. Allen visited his home this week at Nashville. Mrs. W. H. Singleton spent a few days at the fair last week. The following parties were entertained last week at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Roseman on Birch street at dinner: Rev. M. Vann and wife, Miss Ella Smith of Knoxville. Miss Nell Battle and Mrs. Dunn. Mr. and Mrs. James Whitener entertained quite a number of young folks at their residence on Grave street Thursday evening. Dr. Miller passed through the city last week enroute to Atlanta from Yazoo City, Miss. He was accompanied by Miss Butler, Prof. Wadlaw and wife. Among the many pleasant features connected with the crowning of the Christmas festivities, one of which we make special mention, was a delightful tea party given by Mrs. O. H. Taylor at her home, 116 C street in honor of Misses Morton, Garrett and Williams of Rome, Ga. The evening was spent in games and social chat, and at 11 p. m. they were conducted to the cozy little dining room where a table ladened with all the delicacies met the eyes of the party. It would be putting it in too tame a form to say that those present simply enjoyed themselves. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. James Maulden, Misses Garrett, Williams and Morton of Rome; Misses Tolbert, Underwood, Battle and Smith of this city; Mrs. Jas. Elder and Mrs. Jas. Williams; Messrs. Hudson, Dunaway, Easterling, Phillips and Richards.

Helena Notes—Personals.

Helena, Ark., Special.

W. N. Nance of our city, has received an important dispatch from a white man in Jefferson, Tex. Mr. Nance owns 160 acres of land there and Jefferson is built upon some thirty or thirty-five acres of his land, he has been offered $10,000 cash for his land, but he refused to sell at any price until he sees the property. Several fine business houses and a Catholic church occupy this property. Mr. Nance has lived here for some time, and by dint perseverance and systematic economy he has saved what he made. He is worth over $3,000 in Helena. John Davis who lived near Helena, was shot through both knees a few days ago by one Wells, and is dead. He was removed from John Coles, where the shoting occured, to the country poor house. The doctors amputated one leg. No cause was assigned for the shoting. Wells is now in jail awaiting his trial.

Miss Lizzie Wright has gone to visit friends at Augusta, Ark. Mrs. Jack Goodwin is visiting Memphis, Tenn., her old home. The quarterly examination of Phillips county teachers last week brought several of our very best teachers to town. The ladies of Southland college were in our city trading last week. Mrs. M. Clark formerly of Hot Springs, Ark., came to town on business. She is governess and teacher of dressmaking in Southland College. Several new students have arrived to enter the Helena Normal school which opens its second term Jan. 1st. Robert Caver who has been attending school at Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, came home to spend the holidays. Monroe Caver has been very sick, he is improving slowly. Miss Maggie Dixon is very sick. James Brice has married, Ray Morris came home to spend Christmas with his intended bride, so we are told. All the churches and their Sunday schools had Christmas trees and pleasant entertainments. It is said by competent judges that the beautiful "Cantata Santa Claus on Time" was excellent. We went to Carter Chapel A. M. E. church to see this exercise in order to make an extended report, but to our surprise we were told by one of the leading officers of that church that unless we paid we would not be allowed to remain to see the performances. We reminded that important officer of the many occasions we had preached for them in the absence of their pastors, that we had never made any charges for our service, after which we left without a report.

The Masons gave a grand entertainment Dec. 27th. the attendance was good. We all admired the Christmas edition of The Freeman. A Negro was shot in the back and instantly killed by a white officer near Southland last week Prof. and Mrs. C. W. Driskel are to be congratulated upon the arrival of a baby girl. Mother and daughter doing well. Miss L. W. Parker and the children of the Union Sunday school deserve many compliments for their Christmas exercises rendered Dec. 26th. Prof. H. Avant is out of the city.

Tuscumbia News—Notes.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Rev. T. B. Moppins, pastor of the C. M. E. church, left for his home in Selma to spend Christmas. Mrs. W. Breeding and little Miss Beatrice Breeding are visiting friends and relatives in Decatur this week. Misses Rosie Wilson, Mamie Ross and Julie Finley are visiting friends in Iuka, Miss., this week. Mrs. Davonia Carruthers, the accomplished wife of Mr. J C. Carruthers, is spending a happy Chrtstmas with her parents and friends in Clayton, Ala. Wilson Breeding of Somerville has been visiting friends in town this week. Mr. Abe Thompson of Memphis, rendered excellent service to the brothers of I. O. I. during their entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. George Graham are spending a merry Christmas with parents in Corinth, Miss. Little Robert Robinson, Melrose Benton and Prince William Goodloe were the happiest children in town Christmas. The entertainment given by the I. O I. and Queen Esther's Court was the grandest thing of the season. Every body enjoyed it. The young people were royally entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard James last Friday night. A surprise party was given Miss Effie Goodoe by a score of young people Christmas. Mr. William Johnson and Miss Elliott were married at the Baptist church in the presence of many friends Thursday night also Mr. John Owen and Miss Branham were married Wednesday night. Mr. Willie and Rufus Thurston are visiting friends and relatives in town. Mr. Arthur Scott visited his best girl here last Sunday. Mr. Emit Simpson is home again. Mr. Ammon Rick has returned from Birmingham.

Personal Mention.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Special.

G. A. Drake is visiting in Indianapolis and Crawfordsville, Ind. Mrs. C. R Raines of Huntington, was in the city Saturday visiting. Mrs. Nettie Davis had a sale of fine toilets last week. Many nice presents were purchased by her many friends. Rev. G. W. Brown delivered the annual address Sunday to the order of Eastern Star—a large crowd was present. James Smith attended the funeral of the late Rev. R. McDaniel at Logansport last week. S. M. Raines of Anderson, spent a few days in the city visiting his family. Mr. Woodford of Lexington, Ky, has returned home after a stay in the city for months. Landlord D. Townsend presented all of his help with presents Christmas. Chef Smith received a fine silk hat and a number of presents from the guest. Everybody ought to read The Freeman. We learn that Mrs. J. Smith is still improving.

Election of Officers—Society Notes.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The Samuel J. Hunter lodge, U. B. F. has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: J. W. Valentine, W. M.; E. D. Nickens, D. M.; G. W. Thompson, chaplain; H. L. Jordan, secretary; Oliver Payne, assistant secretary; John Thompkins, treasurer; Anthony Chappell, S. M.; John Tillman, trustee; Frank Stark, C. S. C.; S. J. Hunter, Past Master. An entertainment will be given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Ross 920 Hopkins street, Thursday evening, Jan. 9th for the benefit of St. Andrew's Mission. A special session of the Grand Lodge and Grand Council of the U. B. F. of the State of Ohio has been called to meet in Xenia Jan. 12 at 2 o'clock. Miss Ednorah Nahar, Boston's Peerless Queen of the stage, will give one of her classic and humorous recitals at the K. P. Hall, corner Central avenue and Genesee streets, Monday evening, Jan. 6th. She will be supported by Miss Laura A. Wells, Mrs. Dogan, Mrs. Anna Mack, Rev. McGuire and Ernest Osborne. Admission 25c. Miss Eva Nichols of Xenia, is the guest of her uncle, S. Clark, East Sixth street. Miss Elizabeth Moore, teacher in Wheeling, W. Va., after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Carter, Ninth streets has returned to her school work. Misses Lena Taylor and Lizzie Clark, teachers in Frankfort, Ky., after spending the holidays at home, have returned to their school work.

The Union Central Lodge of A. P. A. No. 37 has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: G. W. Saffell, W. M; Chas. Brown, D. M; William Glasco, secretary; George Fry, assistant; Henry Davis treasurer; A. Churchill, chaplain. The lodge will meet Jan. 5th. Rev. R. E. Wilson, pastor of the A. M. E, Zion church, addressed the Zion literary last Monday night on the Waller question. The beneficial reception tendered the editor of the News Recorder was a superb entertainment. Prof. H. T. Jackson and Miss Hamilton were par excellent in their musical renditions, while Dr. R. E Wilson and S. J. Hunter addressed the appreciative audience on the "Future of the Negro," and the later on the "Afro-American Press."

A Time for Agitation.

EDITOR FREEMAN.

Allow me a small space in your wonderful and highly appreciated journal to speak to the thousand readers of this beacon light on the subject of agitation of the Negro—colored race; our scholarly men are far from the right as statesmen, our religion is good, yes very good, our ministry is fast becomin the light of civilization, our pews as a whole have good morals. Now let us turn to manhood as men, and we will see a much needed force to plead till time shall unclog her flying wheels for our part of statesmanship. Don't be satisfied to get a laugh or a smile, but let us agitate till we get our portion of recognition as men. Prayer once caused the South to yield to agitation; now is the time for a verdict. What is in this country that the colored man is not capable of doing? They have held all the minor psitions, and some have no doubt had presidential aspirations, and now in the much needed time it seems all hope is lost. I say, wise and willing men wake up! agitate for your rights. Come! great shades of glorious men from your cells—glorious graves—and look upon our proud land again. O, braves of the brave, come—time calls you from each blue wave below to agitate the justice of your people; time calls—who will answer and come? It our God who sends to us such glorious revivals for the conversion of souls, I for one believe he will send a revolutional change of affairs if the proper amount of agitation is done. The silver shores of the Atlantic has her tidal waves, the golden waves of the peaceful Pacific hers, the rolling waves of the great lakes theirs, the briny gulf hers, why not the loving and forgiving Negro have his? Again I say awake, and plead at the seat of justice for the honor due us, and it will come. Step to the front, doctors, lawyers, professors and philosophers, and justice and mercy and truth will kiss each other by agitating.

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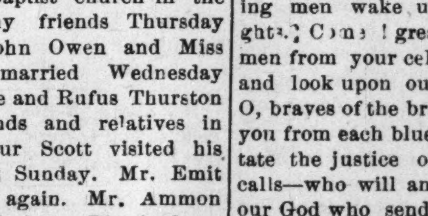

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Two colored men are candidates for seats in the Media Town Pa., Council.

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Miss Susie Revels a teacher in the State Normal School at Holly Springs, Miss., is quite noted as a writer of fiction.

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Wm. Porter, late foreman of the Colored American, Washington, D. C., has been appointed to a position in the Government printing office

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Afro-American women of Memphis will endeavor to build a home for old women and orphans, and twenty-three acres of land will be used for the grounds.

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Five young colored women graduated recently from the Providence hospital and training school in Chicago as trained nurses. Graduating exercises were held in the Paul Quinn chapel.

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The Colored Mercantile Protective Union" is the name of a joint stock company organized in Columbia, S. C., last week. The capital stock is $20,000 with privilege of increasing to $25,000.

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Edward Burrel, colored, is a candidate for the office of engrossing clerk in the House of Representatives in the Ohio legislature. Mr. Burrell is an energetic young man and stands an excellent chance of securing the position.

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Miss Lizzie B. Graves, a Chicago young lady, has been appointed forewoman in the sausage department of Swift's packing house. There are over one hundred white girls under her.

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Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams of Chicago, Ill., will lecture at the 16th street Baptist church, Birmingham, Ala., on January 10, 1896, on the subject, "Responsibilities and Opportunities of the American Colored Woman." Mrs. Williams is a good speaker as has been shown.

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J. C. Napier, a member of the Nashville, Tenn., council, has been appointed chief of the Negro exhibition of the Tenn., Centenial to be held at Nashville next year. Mr. Napier is a prominent citizen and a lawyer of much ability. He was state commissioner of the New Orleans exposition in 1884.

Greatness and Notoriety.

After a pleasant and profitable visit to Normal, Als. (about which I will write in the near future,) I went to Atlanta to see the exposition. I think they call it the great exposition. Indeed, Atlanta is full of greatness. You hear nothing but greatness. Great congresses, great speeches, great women, great men, so I had a great opportunity to see a great many great people and great things. Seeing that I had taken up literary work and became a great correspondent to the FREEMAN, the greatest Negro journal on earth, I was warmly congratulated on all sides Great big, rich, luxuriant titles were given me, and I was called right out in plain English the greatest Negro writer of this age. An old acquaintance said to me: "Reuben, you are beyond boubt the greatest man of our race. You are a wonderful man. You are a Moses, a Benjaman Franklin, a Frederick Douglass, a Joan of Arc, a Shakespeare, a regular Molly, A. A." And here my friend was lost way up in the climax of my exaltation. Words failed him. Ideas he had none.

This all put me to thinking about the free use we make of adjectives, and then I felt inspired to enlighten mortal minds on this subject.

There is a difference between greatness and notoriety, or fame. Greatness carries with it the idea of depth, height, breadth, weight. When applied to individuals, it generally embraces ideas of broad and liberal culture, solidarity of mental attainments, and above all relates to the inherent worth of the individual.

Notoriety or fame refers to the public's knowledge of the individual. It simply relates to the extensiveness of his advertisement. Therefore a person may be famous, notorious and not great; or the person may be great and not notorious- It is also possible to be both. But few great men become famous during their life-time. Meteors in the starry world, flashes into sight, illuminate the heavens and die amid their brightness. The stars shine on forever.

The president of our republic has the greatest notoriety, but it would be folly to call him the greatest man in the country.

Greatness is also a relative term. And so is notoriety. The idea of greatness depends upon the content and extent of the mind forming the judgment as well as upon the inherent worth of the person judged. The common estimate of greatness relates to territory and may also relate to special lines of physical and mental activity. Notoriety is reputation. True greatness is goodness—character fashioned after the highest ethical idea.

Ambition is the mainspring of notoriety. Love is the root of greatness. Fame seeks personal aggrandizement Greatness forgets self and seeks the good of the world. Because a person succeeds in getting himself into the public prints, it does not follow that such a person is great. In fact, such notoriety is the best evidence of the lack of greatness.

Greatness is meek and lowly-modest and retiring. Fame is bold and proud, self-asserting and cunning.

Take the men of deepest thought in every walk in life—the men who really lift humanity as they climb, and they are seldom seen in the public prints. But some how they leave the impresion of their culture, their love, their patriotism, their invention on the imperishable marbles of time.

REUBEN RAY.

Alton Notes.

Alton, Ill., Special.

The A. M. E. Sunday-school held their Christmas festival on last Tuesday evening. Quite a number of scholars were given presents for their attendance. The Christmas festival of the Union Baptist Sunday-school took place last Wednesday evening which was a very pleasant affair and called out a large audience. Mrs. McKinney is on the sick list. A grand dinner was given last Wednesday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs Bunnard on Common street. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hunter entertained a number of friends at tea last Saturday evening in honor of Rev. B. F. Ratliff. Mrs. Eliza Walker, one of our oldest citizens, has been sick for quite awhile. Mrs. L. Brown of Carlyle, spent Christ mas with relatives in this city. Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Kelley paid a short visit to relatives in Anna, Ill., last week. John Mitchell of Oklahoma, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Crawford last week. Mrs. H. B Coats of Detroit, Mich., is visiting relatives in this city. Mrs. Martha Parks died last Saturday at her home on Piasa street. The Merry Nolunteers will give an oyster supper at their ball on New Years evening. Miss Amy Russell of Clarence, Mo, is spending the holidays with relatives in this city.

Men of the Day.

Principal Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee, Als. made the deepest impression upon the Massachusetts Schoolmasters' Club in his address at the November meeting of any man that has ever appeared before that body. He was born in slavery; emancipated in childhood; supported himself and mother by boy's work in a mine; heard of Hampton as a school for colored boys who were poor; saved money enough to help him get as far as Richmond, where he slept under a sidewalk and unloading vessels by day until he had money enough to get to Hampton, and fifty cents left.

This lad, with 250 years of slavery and a prior eternity of savagery in his veins, got his education at Hampton, and fourteen years ago opened the Tuskegee school for colored youths. To-day he is as useful a teacher as there is in America; a capable business man; a great speaker; the statesman of his race; and a noble Christian gentleman.

His work for his race is eminently sensible and successful; his treatment of their past is heroic; his attitude toward the whites of the South is manly; his views of the future of his race are convincing and inspiring.—Journal Education, Boston.

Social Happenings.

Coldwell, Tenn., Special.

The people of this vicinity spent Christmas pleasantly. Lewis Cannon was married to Miss Addie M. Phillips Wednesday the 25th. Rev. R. A. Hill officiating. Miss Rosetta Rippy spent the Christmas with her many friends here. The concert Saturday night, December 28th, was a grand success. Mrs. Sandy Hughes and daughter of Wartrace spent a few days with Mr and Mrs. Dallis Arnold recently. Elria Brown of Fosterville, visited his uncle James Norvell last Sunday. The young ladies received many presents off the Christmas tree. James Stokes has returned home from Williamsville West Virginia. Miss Melissie Oneal was the guest of the Misses Mattie Mullins and Lethie Mullins. Mr. H. T. White spent last Sunday at Haley's Tennessee.

Current Events.

Marianna, Ark. Special.

The blic schools commence the first Monday in January, 1896. B. J. Brunson spent Xmas in Helena and returned on the 29th inst. The City Club entertainment social society will entertain you all the year at colored hall. Every parent should let their boy join and learn to drill. L. R. Unnlee accompained his sister Mrs. A. L. Pearson, to Tupels, Miss., on the 24th. Mrs. G. A. Clark will teach instrumental music on application, call and see her at East Main St. John H. Scott has been confined to his bed for several weeks. The Xmas of the Second Baptist and the A M. E. churches were conducted nicely.

Henry Kennedy expects to move to the city. Marianna Lodge No. 2453 Grand United Order of Odd Fellows meets the first and third Friday nights in each month. Bishop Brown Lodge No. 25, of the K. of H. meets the second and fourth Thursday nights in each month. Hon. M. A. Clark the noted Grand Master of the Masonic in the state of Ark., returned from Batesville a few days ago. Emancipation day was duly celebrated by the liberated freeman of Marianna, at the court house. Orations were delivered by the following speakers: A. L. Davis, B. H Grice, W. H. Harris and J. H. Roberts. A grand parade took place, the old soldiers of Lee county particapating.

Anniversary Sermon.

Texarkanna, Ark. Special.

The Rev. J. S. Christian conducted the meeting of the Brothers of Temple 23. At 6 a. m. J. S. Christian took the stand and selected the 3d chapter and 16 verse of St. John as his text from which he delivered an able sermon thoroughly vindicating his sermon from all inconsistency. After noon Rev. K. C. Adams opened at 2 p. m., his text being St. John 15 chapter and 3d verse and followed by the undersigned brethren: Elder T. Farney, J. Anderson, Wm. Stevenson. H. R. Roberts, G. A. Daniel, R. Fang, and J. P. F. Stuckey after which we adjourned with joyful hearts. Acting Secretary of the day K. C. Adams; conducted by J. S. Christian. Here are the subjects of the day: Repentance, "Be Born of Water," Foot Washing, Prayer, Love one Another, Do not lie nor Steal, Neither drink Wine nor live in adultry. We had a lovely and fruitful meeting and a good time.

Christmas Exercises.

Lincoln, Ill. Special.

Rev. S. R. Cottrell of Carmi, Ill., spent a few of the holidays in this city. The Christmas tree, Wednesday evening at the Second Baptist church was handsomely decorated. The decorating was done by Mrs. Jerry Evans and Mrs. James. The program was read by Mrs. Wilson Russell. The recitation by twelve-year-old Willie Dyer was excellent; subject "Xmas."

On Wednesday evening at the Baptist church the Hon. R. Henry gave a short lecture that was highly appreciated by all. Subject "The Coming Generation." A few remarks were then made by Chas. A. Manns on "Our Progress" and Rev. Holmes and S. R. Cottrell spoke on "Christmas, and the birth of Christ." H. Johnson departed Monday evening for Russellville, Ky., where he will spend a few weeks visiting friends and relations. Mrs. Ward, of Edwardsville is visiting in our city the guest of her daughter Mrs. Alfred Dyer. A swell wedding will chronicle the alliance at the A. M. E. church Tuesday evening, Jan. 7th, when Mr. Andrew Orendorff and Miss Myrtle Rudolph will be wed.

Social Happenings.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. A. C. Myers left for Chattanooga on the 24th ult. Mrs. Sarah Blakemore spent a few days with her sister. George Morton's wife passed through the city the 29th ult., to visit her mother. Skid Meadow is in the city. Anderson Bucannan's sister is spending a few weeks with him. D. A. Wilson will open up in a few days. George Morton's sons and a few young ladies of Nashville were out to see him during the holidays. The Christmas number was grand—it was an honor to any race. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.

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"SWAMP ANGEL" ON HIS ROUNDS.

"Swamp Angel" feeling a little depressed in spirits last Sunday took a round of the various churches. We don't know why we felt so gloomy less it was our unwillingness to depart from the old year. Somehow we felt at loth to say,

"Good-bye old year, good-bye."

It seemed like the departing or dying of a long cherished friend. After a lonely stroll, we hied ourselves churchwards, where we listened to a most eloquent sermon. Its delivery was grand, its diction perfect, and its great practical truths touched a tender spot in my heretofore cold, repulsive heart. We were deeply impressed, and resolved ere another twelfth month, we too, would be numbered with that "Holy number." After the sermon, the organ pealed forth in a deep, melodious, sonorous tone, vibrating through the solemn recesses of the holy sanctuary. All was sublime! We seemed wafted to that ethereal region where "real angels" dwell. But lo! a collection is to be raised! what a bustle—what a confusion—what a rush up the sacred aisles to the contribution table! "How do I look?" asked one pretty damsel of another; "Is my hat on straight?" queried another; "I'm not going up, because my dress ain't new—that hateful dressmaker disappointed me," said the third. When the choir made another suitable selection, the two young ladies, followed by two young "Chesterfields" with the regular contribution step, proudly marched up to the table, all of whom seemed to feel that they had acquitted themselves with credit in the—the "dress parade (?)" It may not be in the general order of things for "Swamp Angels" to interfere with ecclesiastical bodies, but it seems to us that in the light of civilization, with our modern churches, our cultured pastors, and refined congregations, we should away with such ill usages that only tend to retard our progress. Let the pulpit take a decided stand against it; let the much needed reform commence at once, and then will our services close with that same solemnity that they begin with. What church will be the first to lead with the contribution box?

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Went to several watch meetings New Year's night, but pshaw! we didn't make any new vows—have tried that so often—complete failure. Could never understand why people put on long faces, cry and sing dirges at the birth of a New Year, and on Christmas day—the birth of Christ—there is a "sound of revelry" and hilarity everywhere. However, we have resolved to help others do all the good they can.

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The Betterment of the Condition of the Negro Race—A Lecture Delivered by Miss Josephine E. Ghant at A. M. E. Church, Bessemer, Ala.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—As a member of the colored race, and I claim no higher lineage, it affords me greater pleasure than I can command words to express, to speak to you to-day. Your presence manifests that we are awakening to our duty to ourselves and race. What I shall say to you is neither new nor eloquent, but a few plain facts as the wisest and most learned men of all ages have taught and by which all nations have prospered if at all. 'Tis true that we are met with opposition at either hand and suffer oppression under the superior race, yet we are still responsible for our success. Races and nations are masters of their own destinies; if they depart from those laws that are the source of their prosperity they must anticipate failure as it is inevitable. It is for us to choose whether we shall abide by them.

The time is not far distant when we will mention the days of slavery as a a mere hisrorical fact; there will be no North or South except as geographically divided; a man will no longer be known by the color of his skin, but by his qualification. Don't let us lament over the wrongs and horrors of slavery or the inhuman outrage perpetrated upon us to-day, but rather let us forget the past, and allay the wrongs we now undergo by true manliness; let the whites play the part of the demon if they will. "God will avenge His own."

Our future depends upon the present generation, and our chief aim should be to throw off the yoke of oppression and be subject to no one, but He who made us. Strive not for equality alone with the white man, but make yourselves better than he. Equality isn't sufficient means to go beyond.

When we speak of success in life, we mean that in some way or other we wish to become great intellectually, morally and physically. The first and most important requisite to true greatness is moral greatness. We say true greatness, because there are different orders of greatness; for instance Napoleon was phsically great ire—great in action, but the idea of moral greatness was foreign to him. It was too simple, and embodied the interests of others too much for his notice To be moral is to love virtue, to pledge ourselves for life and for death, to truth and duty. It is that energy that scorns all meanness and defies everything that would cut it asunder from virtue and religion. Love of virtue is to respect womanhood and manhood—to be true to one's self. Dethrone virtue and vice is monarch, modesty gives place to immodesty, pride to shame and disgrace, temperance to intemperance, and home to barrooms, club-rooms and brothels; honesty to dishonesty, duty to faithlessness, righteousness to sin. Let us look at these separately:

Modesty is the most admirable trait of woman's character. It adds a charm to the homliest that many more beautiful lack. It holds at a distance the would-be tempter and says, "approach so far and no farther," and he slinks away beaten and chagrined. Woman is frail and weak yet powerful, as one writer has said:

"Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye cur God
He needs but to command;
Greater than armies is his sword,
E'en in a woman's hand."

He has given woman the sword of modesty to defend her chastity and purity. If she surrenders it she can never hope to regain it Like Sampson she has betrayed the secret of her strength and falls victim to knaves. She has ruthlessly torn down the pillars that supported her fortress and all is lost. Young women, do not listen to the tempter—his every movement is evil—he bodes no good—grasp your sword firmly and stand sentinel to your purity if you would succeed, and be respected, honored and revered as a wife, mother or sister, otherwise you are not fit to be such. Respect yourselves and others will be bound to respect you.

O, that there were no creatures (they don't deserve the name of women) to decoy the husband and father from his home; to cause the loving wife and mother to bath her pillow in tears. It is a peculiar sentiment of our times that a woman must be ostracised and a man may go on sinning, and yet retain his place in society. Man may redeem himself, woman is lost.

"Trust not a man,
They are by nature false."

Pride is dignity and self-esteem to a proper extent, we say proper because there is a limit beyond which it ceases to be a virture. It means neatness in in every particular, care in personal appearance, attractiveness in dress for simplicity. We are not advancing dress reform or sombre colors but becoming dress. Politeness and chaste conversation is another mark of pride It is not all who look well, who act and speak courteous and refined. The dress, manner and speech is an index of character. Slovenly dress, rude manners and speech are repulsive to the more refined and cultured. In many instances we envy the friends and admirers of others when it would cost us so little to become like them. Anything good is worth imitating even in the person we dislike.

President Garfield said, he liked best the man who esteemed himself.

Temperance as commonly accepted is a moderate indulgence of the appetites particularly strong drink. We are warned against it in these words—"look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright for at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder," and these, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging." How many have escaped who lingered at the wine? Not one. Young men and women if you have started retrace your steps or your end will be all darkness, bitterness, weariness, lost. Millionaires have been beggared by it, women and children starved by it, lives have been taken by it, honor and virtue bartered by it. It is the worst enemy to success, if you would prosper let it alone. Stay away from the bar room which is but an antechamber to hell, the club room which is but a fashionable or first class bar room where men engage in the same games, the brothel where ungodly women revel. Many claim that you are not a man if you don't smoke or drink, they call you "goody-goody," womanish perhaps, but he who turns his back upon it in spite of jeers is the manly man, the true gentleman.

It is held by others that it is fashionable to dissipate; society indorses it, white people do it. Did it never occur to you to be better in some way than they? Are you striving to equal them in their vices alone? Must we lead a a life of wickedness and send our soul to perdition because white men are? We must mob and lynch, skin and burn alive our fellowmen then. Are you equal to it? indeed not. What better guide can one ask than the Bible. We are in reach of everything that will ennoble character, enrich the mind and broaden the intellect, and it is our duty to make use of this opportunity. The character of man depends upon choice and choice upon the nature of man. Each one of us have a character and it is left us whether we make it the best. A great many wish to shirk on others the responsibility of their choices but each one is responsible for himself. Others hold they are in the hands of fate, chance, luck and the like—there is no such thing. "Inanimate creation may be so controlled, for example the movements of heavenly bodies and of our earth in space, an eclipse of sun or moon, the conjunction of planets, the flight of comets, the ebb and flow of the tides, the going and coming of the seasons, can be predicted with absolute certainty. Inanimate creation is bound fast in fate, an unthinking unfeeling mass of matter without instinct reason or will all its movements determined by the power that gave it being. Animate creation can not be thus conditioned, it is endowed with instinct, reason and will and owing to the imperfection of the reason we are given a conscience." Conscience is a moral or spiritual power and arises from a sense of duty and moral obligation, and is master of the reason and will. If conscience dictated truth and right always the argument might stop here, but unfortunately it does not.

There is a divine providence but not in the remotest degree does it excuse one from moral responsibility. Man is given the means of light, is free to choose and responsible for the same. In Greek Mythology cergoddesses, Klotho, Lachesis and Atropos were supposed to perside over the birth and life of men, the first sat at the loom, the second spun out the life, the third cut the cord. Two words of the Sanscrit language rita and ratu expressed the fixedness of things, i. e., not only all is right but all will be right.

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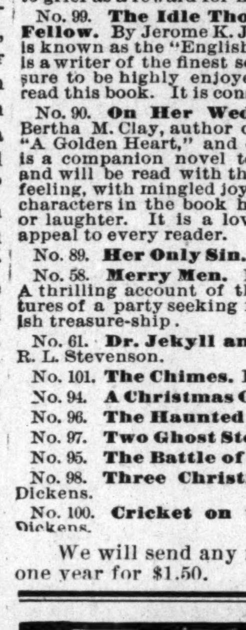

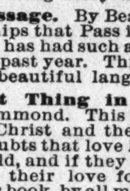

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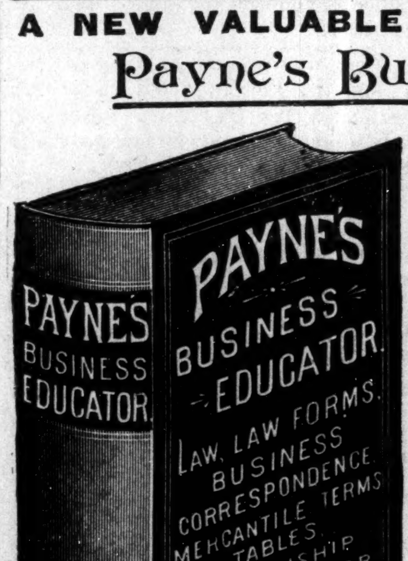

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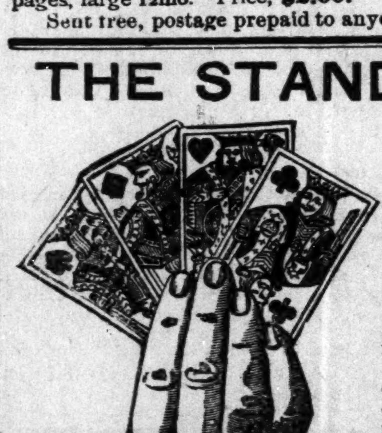

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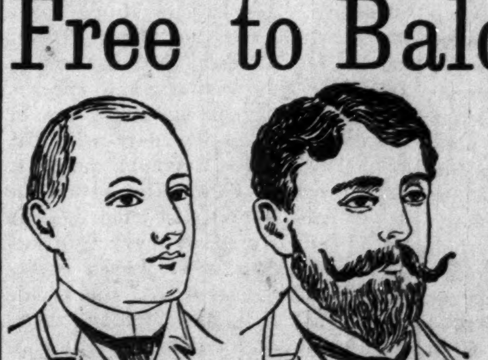

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But if you would breast the storm,
Always listen to your mother.

She's your dearest, truest friend,
She'll stick closer than a brother;
She will help you to the end;
So girls, listen to your mother.

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PRESS ON!

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Press on! though storms of sorrow rise, and dreary seems the way;
Keep in the right, don't turn aside, there'll be a brighter day.
Let hope thy drooping spirit cheer—the storm will soon be past.
All earthly sorrows have an end—they cannot always last.

Press on! though others turn aside, in paths that look more bright;
Appearance oft deceives in life—press on with all thy might.
Onward move, ne'er look behind, nor listen what they say,
If steadfast is our faith in God, he'll grant us what we pray.

Press on! though rough the road may seem—though burdened down with care,
Jesus thy captain's gone before, he speaks these words of cheer:
"In my Father's house are mansions, lo! I will give the rest.
Thy soul at last will find repose on a kind Saviour's breast."

Press on! though friends may turn their backs and each one prove a foe,
The poet says: "'Tis heaven—not man—must charm away the woe."
A consolation, Oh, how sweet! so let us rest assure,
"Earth hath no sorrow," however great "that heaven cannot cure."

Press on! though cruel poverty knocks loudly at thy door.
The hand that kept the in the past will keep thee evermore.
"Then grasp thy staff, keep bravely on, the resting place is nigh.
So bear thy cross to wear a crown in heaven bye and bye.

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Fund—Enterprising Citizens in the Queen City to the Front.

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The Waller movement has received a boom in the form of the "Freeman Relief Fund." An enthusiastic joint meeting by all of the literary societies of the city will be held the first week in January, at which time a subscription will be raised and forwarded to the Freeman Fund. S. J. Hunter who has the title of agitator in our city, ably assisted by E. D. Nickins, H. L. Jordan, G. L. Coleman, R. J. Winn and others have the arrangements pertaining to the affair well under control and the committee hopes, as the result of their effort to realize a splendid sum. Sympathy for our distinguished countrymen who lies languishing in a French prison and for his distressed family who is without adequate means of support, runs high.

It is hoped that the Freeman will assist in this laudable enterprise. The bill by Senator Allen of Kansas, to donate $1,500 from congress for the support of the widow and her children pending an investigation of the charge against her husband, was hailed with much joy. But it was tabled and we fear that if Mrs. Waller receives material assistance it will be through subscription. The meeting of the house to house S. S. canvassing committee takes place Sunday at 3 p. m., at the Union Baptist church. Miss Ednorah Nahar will appear in our city in Januray to the delight of her many admirer; she comes in the interests of the H. H. R. and the St. Andrew's Mission church. The Zion Baptist Literary Society is gaining for itself widespread reputation because of the high class talent it introduces to the public. The New Year Eve. concert at Allen Temple is "town talk," don't miss it. Our three enterprising colored grocery firms, Edenburg & Co., The Progress Grocery Co., and Minnes & Grandison are to be highly commended for their rich and well chosen Christmas presents sent to their customers. The entertainment at the Odd Fellows hall last Monday night by the Samuel J. Hunter Lodge No. 15, U. B. F. was a grand success both entellectually and financially. The telegram announcing the sudden blow to R. C. O. Bejamin, who was on the program for an address was received with profound sorrow and much disappointment.

Reply to F. H. Warren.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Allow me space in your valuable paper to reply to Francis H. Warren on the silver question. As I live in a silver producing state, I can see some of the benefits to be derived from free coinage of silver. As we are part and parcel of the great American people, the Afro-American will be benefitted by any great financial measure like free coinage of silver, as much as any other class of laborers. The Sherman purchasing clause helped us some, but it was not a good thing for silver, as it made a commodity of silver in the open market, as silver constitutes a part of our primary money, and it should never be a commodity. Free coinage will help us by adding to our circulating currency, and anyone that has bullion can go to the banks and have it exchaged for money. Thus it will break the corner that the gold bugs now have, and reduce the interest from 10 and 15 per cent to 405 per cent And then men can get money to go into all kinds of enterprises, and make a profit mining which takes vast sums of money to carry it on. Miners receive from $2.50 to $3.50 per day for eight hours work, and if we had free coinage, it would give employment to a half million men in the silver producing states, and they would consume the cotton and sugar cane, tobacco and orang s of the South, and machinery, picks, shovels and shoes of the East and North. Thus you see the whole country would be benefitted by making more consumers and producers, and circulate a greater volume of money, and men who undertake great enterprises, would not have to go over to Europe to get money to complete them.

There is not money enough in circulation to carry on the business of the country. Projected railroads cannot be built; contemplated improvements in cities, counties and states cannot be consummated on account of contraction of the currency. Mr. Warren says the people of the "black belt" of Alabama do not need money, as they cannot eat or wear it, and that the white merchants advance them everything they need on their crops, and they dare not dispute their accounts. Where on earth do people need money more than they? Money would liberate them and free them from their oppressors. They should get money by all means, and cease to be slaves. Mr. Warren says we had free coinage for thirty years and no great things were accomplished. Mining was then in its infancy and only a few men were employed, but it has grown to such a vast industry that 500,000 men can now find employment at it, and gives greater opportunities to all

Mr. Warren says what nine men out of ten says, that wages are regulated by supply and demand, but let us investigate. According to the gentleman's own statement, the people of the "black belt" of Alabama have their wages fixed by the white merchants who furnish them goods on their crops The Union in Butte City, Mont., fixes the miner's wages at $3 50 per day, and in many other places the Unions fix the wages. In the West at one time when labor was scarce, high wages were paid, but the people had plenty of money and could afford it. But let labor be scarce and money scarce, and the employer will either pay small wages or let the work go undone. It is the well paid labor that has the most demands, He has to have good houses, clothes and food, and these create a demand. The poor paid cannot obtain these. Most wages are regulated by the amount of money in circulation and the will of the employer. We are part and parcel of the great American people, and for the good of Americans I write.

J. HALLER.

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Claud Taylor, of Evansville, Ind., who was check mate on the boat running from that city, was murdered in South Clarksville, Dec 20th, by watchman Fisher. Taylor is supposed to have entered Fisher's house thinking it was an inn, whereupon he was shot in cold blood. George Hill of Hopkinsville is visiting friends. Oda Harrass and Miss Charles Steele were united in wedlock December 15th. Usher Ford, the chiropodist and manicurer, was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment and a $200 fine and is now serving his term in the county prison. A concert was given at St. Peters A. M. E. church December 24th and was much enjoyed. Bud Barbee was sentenced to life imprisonment for killing his wife's victomizer.

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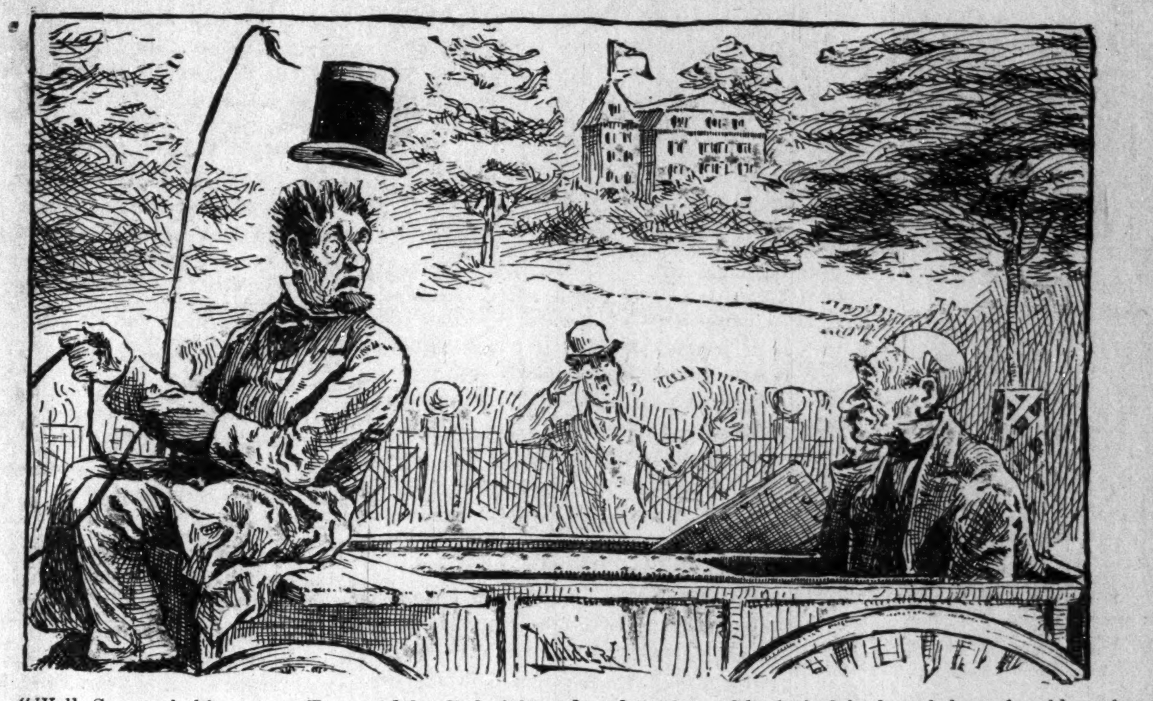
A few days after this, Josiah Allen came in, and sez he, "The everlastin' spring is the one for me, Samantha! I believe it will keep me alive for hundreds and hundreds of years." Sez I, "I don't believe that, Josiah Allen."

"Wall, it is so, whether you believe it or not. Why, I see a feller jest now who sez he don't believe anybody would ever die at all, if they kep' themselves kinder wet through all the time with this water."

"Oh, shaw!" sez I. (I seldom say shaw, but this seemed to me a time for shawin'.)

But Josiah kep' on, for he wus fearfully excited. Sez he, "Why, the fellow said, there wuz a old man who lived right by the side of this spring, and felt the effects of it inside and out all the time, it wuz so healthy there. Why the old man kep' on a livin', and a livin', till he got to be a hundred. And he wuz kinder lazy naturally and he got tired of livin'. He said he wuz tired of gettin' up mornin's and dressin' of him, tired of pullin' on his boots and drawin' on his trowses, and he told his grandson Sam to take him up to Troy and let him die.



"Wall, Sam took him up to Troy, and he died right away, almost. And Sam bein' a good hearted chap, thought it would please the old man to be buried down by the spring, that healthy spot. So he took him back there in a wagon he borrowed. And when he got clost to the spring, Sam heard a sithe, and he looked back, and there the old gentleman wuz a settin' up a leanin' his head on his elbo, and he sez, in a sort of a sad way, not mad, but melancholly, '**You hadn't ort to done it, Sam. You hadn't ort to. I'm in now for another hundred years.**'"

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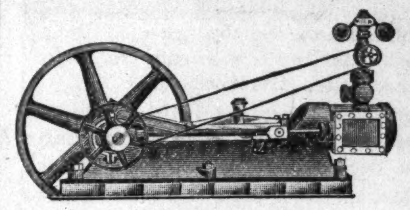

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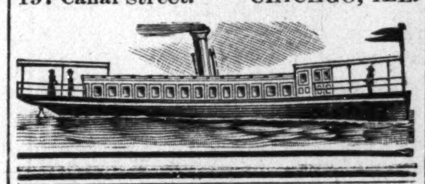

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sercy of Chicago are in the city.

Ernest Osborne of Cincinnati is the guest of Dr. Sumner Furniss.

Mrs. B. J. Morgan has returned from a pleasant trip to Cincinnati.

Miss Anna Howard and William Lewis were married Dec. 25th.

Prof. R. A. Roberts of Shelbyville, spent the holidays in the city.

Abraham Goodall and Miss Henrietta Brown were quietly married.

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Mrs. Emma Edwards spent New Years with friends at Edinburg.

Joseph Johnson of Lawrenceburg, Ky., is stopping at 219 N. West street.

Prof. Meyzeek of the public schools, Louisville, is a guest of Miss Kate Mann.

Charles R. Love was buried from Simpson Chapel last Monday afternoon.

Conrad Burley died Dec. 27th and was buried from the Second Baptist church Sunday.

Geo. L. Knox went to Lebanon, Jan. 1st to lecture, subject, "Emancipation of Slaves."

Van Wade of Perryville, Ky., is visiting his brother, B. F. Wade, 79 Howard street.

Communion services will be held at Corinthian church to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—Grant H. Clay, dentist, 95 North Delaware street.

Rev. H. H. Thompson, P. E., was in the city during the holidays the guest of his family.

W. H. Gilliam of Toronto, Can., has moved with his family to this city with a view to locating.

Miss Mae Hicks will return to Louisville to-morrow, after a very pleasant sojourn in our city.

The Christmas entertainment given by Bethel Sunday School was a grand success. Program interesting.

Miss Allie Woods of 59 Howard street has been suffering with tonsilitis, but is much improved at present.

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Mrs. Belle Coleman of Louisville, Ky., who has been visiting Mrs. H. L. Sanders returned home Wednesday.

T. C. Scott of Richmond spent Christmas with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Scott, 120 Roanoke street.

Hon. Harry Smith of the Cleveland Gazette, also member of the Ohio Legislature, is in the city, the guest of Dr. Furniss.

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Mrs. Mattie Estus and Mrs. Brazelton of Springfield, O., were in the city Monday visiting Mrs. Ringold and Mrs. Lane.

The Anderlusion Club, under the direction of James Tandy gave their first dance Christmas night at Gresh's Dancing Academy.

E. J. Smoot of Cincinnati, O., arrived in the city the 24th. His health is somewhat impaired and he will remain in the city until he is well.

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Miss Lucretia Gibson, Messrs Raymond Harris and Patterson, all teachers of Louisville, are guests of Miss Mamie L. Brown, Columbia avenue.

Rev. Alexander Campbell of the Second Christian church, corner Fourth and Howard, will preach from the following subject Sunday night: "Is Dancing an Evil."

Rev. Harris delivered a lecture to the Launfal Circle of the Kings Daughters at the residence of the Misses Wilson, College avenue, Monday evening. Many persons attended.

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Mrs. Nancy Knox of Hancock county returned home last Monday.

Bethel Mite Lyceum held an interesting session Thursday evening.

Mrs. Belle Price presented her husband, Joseph, with a big bouncing boy.

Rev. J. W. Pettiford was in the city the first of the week arranging to remove to his new charge at Logansport.

Misses Hattie A. Knox, and Frances Meredith, of Greenfield spent New Year's day in the city.

George Hill, who resides at 742 North Senate avenue, has equipped himself for photographing.

Marquis Gilliam, a student of Wilberforce College was in the city Wednesday calling on friends.

Rev. T. W. Henderson, George L. Knox, editor of The Freeman, Sumner A. Furniss, M. D., Dr. B. J. Morgan and Attorney James T. V. Hill are invited to address the Benevolent Society at Vermont street church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Central Lodge No. 1, order of Masons and Woodfork Lodge held their installation of officers at their hall corner of Washington and Meridian streets Thursday evening Dec. 26th. Many invited guests were present and several speeches were made. Refreshments were served in abundance.

SOCIAL SWIM.

Mrs. Emma Newby gave a dinner Wednesday to a few friends in honor of her sister, Miss Woods.

Chas. Stewart and wife celebrated their first anniversary of their marriage last Tuesday night at their residence.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shepherd entertained a few friends at Luncheon Sunday afternoon at their home on Yandes street.

Miss Taggart of St. Louis, Mo., who was the guest of her cousin, Miss Lillie Hill, during the holidays has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McDade entertained friends Tuesday night in honor of Misses Katherine King and Sadie Taylor of Louisville.

Mrs. Minter of 221 West Second street entertained New Years day in honor of her guest, Mrs. Nancy Slaughter of Danville, Ky.

Miss Ruth Higgs entertained New Year's day at the residence of her sister Mrs. Geo. Woods, State avenue, in honor of her guest, Miss Mary Hicks of Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Wells entertained a number of their friends last Monday evening in a very interesting manner. The feature of the evening was the "Mysterious Table" in the corner.

Miss. Lizzie Sweeney and her sister Mrs. W. B. Fisher gave another of their popular "At-Homes" Wednesday at their residence, 80 Elizabeth. Many of their friends called and all were highly entertained.

Miss Maggie Woods of Springfield, O., arrived in the city New Year's day. She will be the guest of her sisters, Mrs. Brummel and Mrs. Emma Newby. A series of entertainments have been arranged for her.

Miss Eliza Payton entertained a few friends Dec. 26th. The guests were Mrs. Sallie Thompson, Mr. McWilliams Andrew L. Burley, Miss Howard, Mr. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and others. The affair was quite an enjoyable one.

A delightful party was given by Miss Ruth Higgs and Joseph Henderson Dec. 27th at the residence of Mrs. Green, 29 West First street in honor of Miss Mary Hicks of Louisville. Music was furnished by Carter Smith's orchestra. The dancing was well directed by Joseph Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Taylor entertained a few friends December 21st at their residence, 240 Michigan street. Quite a pleasant time was spent. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Miss Howard, Mr. Hoard, Mrs. Payton and Andrew L. Burley and others.

Friday evening December 27th the spacious residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Knox was thrown open and the scene was a brilliant reception. The members of the Acme club under the management of Mrs. Cox and Henderson received in honor of Miss Ednorah Nahar between the hours of 2 to 6. The affair was quite a success and many friends were in attendance.

Bethel Notes.

Dr. Henderson preached an interesting sermon last Sunday morning from Songs of Solomon 2:15 "Take us the Foxes, Little Foxes etc." Rev. Hubbard Brewer of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, O., preached an able sermon Sunday night. Mr. Brewer is a young man of much promise and we think highly of his future.

Mt. Zion Notes.

Rev. Farrell will assist Rev. Murrell of Noblesville in a protracted meeting.

Rev. B. F. Farrel, the popular young divine has completed his sixth year as pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church. At the annual election on Friday night he was re-called for the ensuing year.

All the members and friends are requested to be present Sunday morning as the Elder has an excellent sermon prepared on the following subject: "Tn Lord's Vineyard." Jno. 15:1.

Antioch Notes.

Rev. J. M. Morton is conducting a revival at Antioch.

Rev. J. Fisher will preach a special sermon to sinners Sunday night.

The Sunday school is progressing nicely under the leadership of Bro. John Parker.

Rev. J. Fisher, the great Kentucky revivalist, will assist Rev. Morton during the revival.

Sunday morning Rev. Morton will preach a special sermon to the officers elected for the ensuing year. Text: Matthew 29:7-8.

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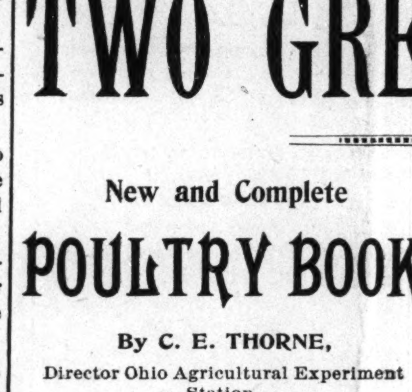

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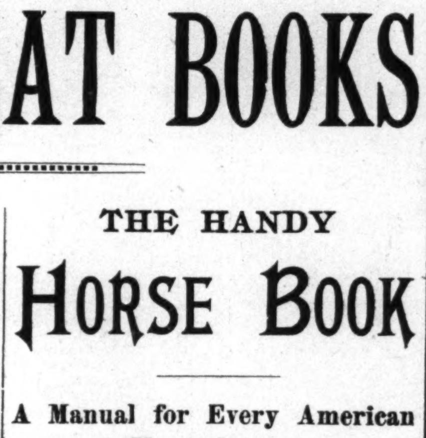

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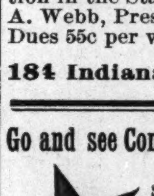

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